

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT SENATE STATE CAPITOL HARTFORD 06106-1591

## SENATE REPUBLICAN OFFICES

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Honorable Richard Blumenthal Attorney General of Connecticut 55 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106

**Dear Attorney General Blumenthal:** 

We are writing to express our concerns regarding pending federal legislation for reform of the nation's health care system. Special incentives in the proposed legislation benefitting the states of Nebraska and Louisiana may be unconstitutional if the residents of Connecticut and forty-seven other states are obligated to shoulder the financial burden of these special exemptions. Should the federal health insurance legislation be voted upon favorably by the House and Senate and signed into law by President Obama with these provisions, then we urge you to file suit against it based upon these constitutional infringements.

Connecticut's Medicaid recipients should not face the prospect of losing their benefits as a result of the federal proposal. Connecticut's limited health care resources should not be reduced at the expense of paying for political favors beneficial to other states.

A group of Attorneys General across the nation are discussing the possibility of filing a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the national health care bill. We urge you, as has Governor Rell to join your colleagues in demanding this proposed legislation pass constitutional muster and equalize the burden of funding new federal government programs should it become law.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

## Sincerely yours,

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